

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Notes

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CHALLENGE TO BEGIN THE NEW FRATERNAL YEAR

As we embark on this new Fraternal Year, we all have a chance to ‘start over’ as our Journey begins again into this new Fraternal Year.

For some of our members, they may have become distanced over the last 16 months given the pandemic. With council meetings lacking in-person engagement for some and with Parishes closed or limited to attendance for a large portion of this time, many of our Brother Knights have been distanced to our Faith.

In this June 2021’s *Columbia Magazine*, our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori wrote: ‘Sunday Mass is more than an obligation; it should be the heart of our faith. From the Mass, we draw grace and strength to live as followers of Christ as members of the Church...At the heart of our worship is belief in the holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.’

As our upcoming Fraternal Year begins, many councils focus their efforts on the programs they will conduct over the course of the year as well as orientating new officers and leaders. A lot of focus is placed on programs and growing membership—but at times our commitment to growing our Faith and in our faith may be lacking.

What I would like to encourage every council to actively engage in is a spiritual revival to coordinate a ‘welcoming Mass’ for all of your members in these next 2 months.

Many of our Parish priests are struggling with ways to bring back parishioners, and what a profound way for our Knights to take action by asking EVERY COUNCIL MEMBER to attend a mass of celebration this Summer. By centering ourselves back on the Eucharist and on the Mass—we will begin the year off on a strong foot and show our ever presence at the Mass and in support of our Parish Priests.

Corey Christopher Coonen
State Deputy



Jesus Christ as Leader, Jesus Christ as King

As Knights of Columbus, we look to Jesus Christ as the King who moves us into action like the knights of old that we see in old stories. So how can we see or find our motivation in Christ? We must follow him to become leaders that can be counted as valiant knights in these times.

In our task to live a Christian life, I think it is important to look at the threefold role of Our Lord Jesus Christ as priest, prophet, and king. These are not separate but distinct and I think making some distinctions here can help our minds find why to move and help our hearts then to love.

In Christ as priest, we see how he has sacrificed for us on the cross and has offered himself up for our salvation, and we can all share in his priesthood as we all experience our own sorrowful mysteries

through life. As prophet we see how he has guided us by teaching the us truth that he is, and each of us can participate in this through those who we have the opportunity to teach as he did. And as king we see how he has come to server not to be served, flipping the worldly notions of leadership. With Jesus it is not about sitting on a throne and lording over others, it's about leading us in his path of service to others. Therefore, we should see our participation in the Knights of Columbus as a participation in the Kingship of Christ; this comes to be realized through serving others and it is in our service that we show true leadership.

Sincerely,

Fr. Andrew J. Kurz

Knights of Columbus, Wisconsin State Chaplin



Membership

For those who may not know me or why I am writing this article, let me introduce myself. I am the Immediate Past State Deputy (IPSD), Jack Wrbanich; my wife Lisa and I are Prince of Peace Parish members in Green Bay, where I am also the Grand Knight of Council 16333. Not that I don't have enough on my plate, our Worthy State Deputy Corey asked if I would fill the State Membership Director role as our previous State Membership Director Rick Raulin had to step down. I wish to thank Brother Rick for his tireless efforts and dedication to the State Council over the last fraternal year. We owe Brother Rick our gratitude.

Accountability

As we begin this new Fraternal year, one of our organizational changes is assigning individual Diocesan Membership Coordinators (DMC) to work with the respective District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Council Membership Directors. The DMC's will help grow the order through Church Drives, Program activities, and training. Your coordinators are:

Green Bay Diocese

Chuck Rohr

La Crosse Diocese

Open

Madison Diocese

Doc Casey

Milwaukee ArchDiocese

Les Kostera

Superior Diocese

Mark Rasmussen

Holding councils accountable for recruitment and scheduling of exemplification is one of our primary goals this Fraternal year; your DMC is there to help and assist your councils; please give them your attention when they call. One of our goals is to have every council active (ECA) this year. ECA equates to recruiting at least one new member.

First 100 Day Strategy

What follows was taken from a leadership blogger post. The Blogger provides a strategy to succeed for the first 100 days.

Why? Because when you have a successful first 100 days...it naturally follows that you are building momentum and setting yourself up for having your best year ever.

The Game Plan that follows provides you with the motivational fuel and justification you need to start the year fast, focused, and fully committed to making this your best year ever. This can just as easily be adapted to the first 100 days of the fraternal year and ties in with Supremes COVID Recovery Plan (CRP).

STRATEGY #01 GET SERIOUS

LET'S BEGIN THIS FIRST STRATEGY with a finger in the eye type of maxim...

You will not start fast, nor do you stand a chance of making this the best year until and unless you DECIDE TO MAKE IT SO.

To make this the best year, you must look in the mirror and decide once and for all...that you're done playing games

WHY? It's actually very simple...DECISION ALWAYS PRECEDES ACTION.

STRATEGY #02 ACCELERATE

IF THE OBJECTIVE IS TO SET A PACE, crush your goals, and make this your best year ever... then you owe it to yourself to find the fastest way to get the job done right.

The truth is...any goal or plan expands to fill and reinforce the unrealistic amount of time you have made available for its completion.

The solution? Move fast...accelerate!

STRATEGY #03 START SAYING NO

“NO” IS THE MOST POWERFUL in your vocabulary as well as a complete sentence.

*It's the easiest word for setting a limit, **holding firm to boundaries**, and being clear about what you will or won't do during the first 100 days of this Fraternal Year.*

Success in every area of your life demands a short “YES list and a long NO list”, yet most people have that one reverse engineered...and pay dearly for it.

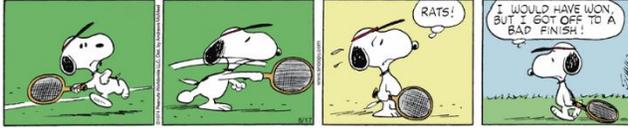
Saying “NO” is the most strategic decision you can make as it improves and accelerates your effectiveness — guaranteeing a fast and focused start to the New Year.

STRATEGY #04 FOCUS ON RESULTS

THE GREATEST WASTE of untapped resources in this world are the resolutions and intentions that don't translate into purposeful, goal-directed behavior.

Resolutions and intentions like getting in shape, writing a novel, learning a language, or even unpacking the boxes from your last move are entirely meaningless without focused and consistent execution.

To make this your best year ever, you must judiciously focus on results for the simple reason that in the end...only results matter.



Your results serve as the ultimate judge, jury, and execution of your performance.

STRATEGY #05 BE UNREASONABLE

HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING and crushing your goals in the first 100 days of the New Year requires that you become unreasonable in what you expect from yourself...and in the unreasonable demands, you make upon others.

The reasonable person adapts themselves to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself.

STRATEGY #06 GO ABOVE AND BEYOND

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN those who make big things happen in the first 100 days of the year and those who are merely passive players...has everything to do with one's readiness,

willingness, and ability to go above and beyond expectations.

STRATEGY #07 RISE AND SHINE

*IF YOU'RE EVER going to find your greatness and make this your best year ever...you must decide that what you want is **BIGGER AND FAR MORE IMPORTANT** than any fear, excuse or self-limiting belief which prevents you from achieving it.*

By doing so, you will rise to every challenge with confidence, conviction, and certainty.

*The ultimate reason for setting big, challenging goals during the first 100 days of the New year is to entice you to **become the type of person it takes to achieve them.***

STRATEGY #08 BE RELENTLESS

***YOUR SUCCESS IN CRUSHING** the first 100 days of the New Year is forever linked directly to your heart...your will...your steadfast commitment to your goals.*

The relentless attitude is the winning attitude, and the remarkable thing about life is that we choose every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

STRATEGY #09 STAY HUNGRY

EVERY GOALS POSES a similar question...How badly do you want it?

*To realize your potential and to start the New Year fast, focused, and fired up, you must respond with some version of this answer: **More.***

And then you have to prove it...that's where hunger and passion come into the picture.

Passion is hardcore devotion to a person, goal or cause; it infuses life with meaning, joy, significance, and unbridled enthusiasm.

It's the desire in your heart, and it's the fire in your belly...it's the twinkle in your eye...it's your magnificent obsession.

STRATEGY #10 BECOME A QUICK-CHANGE ARTIST

AS YOU WORK TOWARDS THE GOAL of crushing the first 100 days of the New Year...you must embrace the idea that your ability to recognize and adapt to change quickly is an asset in need of cultivation.

While adapting to the relentless pace of change is difficult...not adapting is fatal as history is littered with the bodies of successful people and companies who were brought to their knees and put in an early grave due to their inability or unwillingness to adapt or adjust to the changing environment in which they found themselves in.

Look what this last year as prof in the pudding.

Change descends upon each of us equally; the difference is that some realize it faster than others and adapt accordingly.

That's why you must become a quick-change artist.

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR OF YOUR LIFE?

There's no point in pretending that starting the first 100 days of the New Year fast, focused and fired up is anything less than the SAVVIEST MOVE YOU CAN MAKE.

And while there are plenty of excuses, there's no good reason for you to procrastinate, to say the timing is not right...or that it's not worth your time is a waste of your time and efforts, now is the time for us to band together to make this the best recruitment year of Wisconsin.

Side Notes

Grand Knights and District Deputies, don't forget the Council Service Program Personnel Report (#365), due to the Supreme Council must receive by August 1st. I encourage the use of the Member Management application to submit the data as soon as possible. Need help? Contact your District Deputy or DMC.

Project Code Name: WISCAPITA

One of this year's State Membership Incentive programs titled "WISCAPITA" gives councils a chance to either reduce or eliminate per-capita billing to from the State Council. Here is how it works:

First Quarter – if a council reaches and maintains their Supreme Membership Intake Quota by September 30th, the State Council will waive 75% of the Councils October 1st billing and will have their April 1st per capita (4.25 a member) waived.

Second Quarter – if a Council reaches and maintains their Supreme Membership Intake Quota by December 31st, they will have their April 1st per capita waived.

Jack Wrbanich, IPSD

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WISCAPITA
STATE COUNCIL FIRST QUARTER MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE
+ COUNCIL SUPREME QUOTA BY SEPT 30
+ COUNCIL RECEIVES 75% WAIVER OF THEIR OCT 1ST PER-CAPITA BILL
AND WILL HAVE THEIR APRIL 1ST PER-CAPITA BILL WAIVED
(\$4.25 A MEMBER)
NOTE: COUNCILS MUST MAINTAIN THEIR GOAL THROUGHOUT
THE FRATERNAL YEAR TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR THE APRIL 1ST WAIVER
'NOW THE JOURNEY BEGINS'

Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Founder

4th Degree Eastern District Exemplification

The next Wisconsin Easter District Exemplification will be on October 9, 2021 at St. Dominic Catholic Church, 2133 N.22nd Street, Sheboygan, 53081. This will be an in-person Exemplification. More information to follow at a later date.

Thank you and God Bless.

If you have any question, please contact me.

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Online Membership

It is a new fraternal year. Let's make it another successful one for e-membership. This is not a final tally for the fraternal year as there are 6 days left as of this writing.

This last fraternal year Wisconsin has seen these numbers regarding online membership as of June 22:

FY 2018-2019 Intake	129		
FY 2019-2020 Intake	135		
FY 2020-2021 Target	324		
FY 2020-2021 Intake	370	114%	
Conversions into a council	254	69%	Highest % in the Order – 3-way tie with DC & AK

All time intake	634		
All time local council interest	558	88%	6 th highest % in the Order – 4 th in USA
All time conversions to council	453	71%	2 nd Highest % in the Order – AK gained ground
Prior members returning	47		

I reiterate: The above numbers look pretty good, don't they? Yes, but they could be much better. As of this writing, June 24, 2021, there are 191 online members with 104 assigned to specific councils. Seven of these online members have already participated in a degree ceremony and only need to be processed into the council. 11 are Inactive. 21 are already 3rd degree.

30 men have joined online since May 25.

7 men successfully participated in an online degree ceremony, 5 of whom are new members and 2 advancing.

15 online members were transferred into councils.

For all new and returning Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and District Deputies, I remind you to check your Prospect tab of Officers Online on a regular basis. If you have prospects on that list, contact them as soon as possible, vet them, encourage them to participate in a degree ceremony and get them processed into the local council. I also call your attention to the "how-to" videos available on the supreme website for Online Membership, Candidate Tab and Prospect Tab Training, and the online membership informative guides available on the State website State Forms page.

Anyone may go to [Online degree info](#) at **any** time (no sign-in required) to access links to the Supreme [On Demand](#) degree and invitation letters. Please share these links with your new member candidates and existing members wanting to advance to 3rd degree. Then do not forget to follow up by transferring them into your council and updating their degree status in Member Management.

State Online Membership Coordinator
William G. Hitt

Message from Outgoing State Membership Director

Last year, about April of 2020, I was asked to be the **State Membership Director** for Wisconsin. It was one heck of a shock just to be asked, and I was honored to take the position. However, I was also totally clueless on how it was going to work out. We thought we were going to get past COVID a lot sooner, so my expectations of how 2022-2021 was going to go could not have been more different than the reality. **What did I learn from this experience?**

- ✓ I learned how to teach and communicate via ZOOM and other teleconferencing media
- ✓ I discovered that email could start a discussion, but it cannot carry one for very long
- ✓ I found out that I am a social animal who works far more effectively in person than online or by phone

- ✓ I found out the biggest asset to have last year was the ability to make plans and change them on dime when the circumstances call for it.
- ✓ It turns out that I am a far-better District Deputy than I am a State Membership Director

While we had some success, we fell short of our starting goals. This weekend at the District Deputy Training, we learned about our 2021-2022 Fraternal Year Membership Goals. I look forward to helping IPSD and **State Membership Director Jack Wrbanich** to accomplish those goals as a Council Membership Coordinator and a District Deputy.

We are ending our Fraternal Year in a few days with a 754 **New Members** having joined, as of June 28, 2021.

There is plenty of fertile ground left to be ploughed for New Membership by SMD Jack Wrbanich and SD Corey Cooney. I want to thank both of these Brother Knights and great friends for entrusting the State Membership job in my hands, and to wish them every blessing and success for 2022 and beyond.

Thanks also to the dedicated Knights who served the State Council as Regional Membership Coordinators. The success we achieved and the fun we had doing are largely due to their hard work! THANKS My Brothers!

Let me leave you all with this advice:

- **Membership Growth is EVERYONE's Mission**
- **Every Program is an Opportunity to Grow our Membership**
- Ask your Pastor and your Members, ***"Who Do You Know that Ought to Be a Knight?"***
- ***"More Knights bring more hands to do more good to help more people!"***
Joe Ramirez
- ***"We need More Good Men to Do More Good Works!"*** *Rick Raulin*
- Our Past Knights and the graduates of RCIA programs are excellent sources for New Knights
- Try saying this to a prospective member... ***"The Knights need you, but someday, you may need the Knights!"***

Now the Journey Begins!

Vivat Jesus!

Rick Raulin



Programs

Brothers,

As I write this, I've just returned from the summer DD meeting in Marshfield; What a great uplifting experience! In talking with the DD's and setting the stage for the July district meetings, the State Officer Team is starting off the new Fraternal Year with the theme of "All Councils Active"! that means that the time of inaction and stagnation with Covid is over. It's high time for ALL COUNCILS to be active again – both in recruitment activities and in programs. The 2 go hand in hand – we absolutely cannot survive, let alone flourish and grow, without the addition of new, younger members into our

ranks. We can't run effective programs with out active, engaged members. The more of those we have, the more and better programs we can run. But, these programs have to be tailored to both the needs/priorities of the pastor/parish and to the Council membership. We will not attract and retain those newer and younger members if we don't run programs that engage and appeal to them. We can't strengthen the Parish and help get Catholics back to Mass if we don't offer/support programs that appeal to them in the first place. MORE MEMBERS =MORE, BETTER PROGRAMS; MORE/BETTER PROGRAMS = MORE MEMBERS! IT ALL FITS TOGETHER.

So, we are asking all Councils to do the following:

- 1) FILL OUT THE STATE COVID RECOVERY SURVEY and get it in by July 15th.
- 2) Hold an Officers Plan meeting soon and determine your Council Recovery Plan for the next 6 – 12 months. Go over it with your DD.
- 3) Meet with your pastor/pastoral Team to determine his priorities and mesh your programs with the parish accordingly.
- 4) Use your Fraternal Planners to lot out what you're going to do (programs, Church Drives and the Recruiting efforts, Knighthood Exemp). Determine Budgets and fundraising as needed. Plan for your meetings and programs live or hybrid.
- 5) Specifically, we're asking you to, over the next 3 months, to:
 - A) Host a Holy Hour for council and Parish
 - B) Hold 1 or 2 Family Activities during Family Week (August 8-15) in honor of Fr. McGivney and the 1st Feast Day for the Blessed Father (Picnic, Outing, Rosary, Family Mass, etc.)
 - C) D 1 Youth Program (PPK, Soccer, Essay contest)
 - D) participate in the siler Rose Program nearest you
 - E) Run a Church Drive, Knighthood Exemp.
 - E) Conduct a parish Building, Welcome Back Event

Together, we can do this! We can get our councils and parishes active and moving forward again.

Let me also remind you that 185's were due July 1, 365's are due August 1, Audits August 15. Get those in ASAP. Be sure to send them both to Supreme and to the State Forms Address. RSVP and Culture of Life Donations for FY2020/21 are due to the State Office by July 1st! Lifesavers for Life Order Forms are on the State Website; they are due to your DD or to Coordinator Dave Grau by JULY 15!

Remember also, if not already done, to download your FY2020-21 Wisconsin Outstanding Council form from the State Website, fill it out and get it in to the State forms Address or to me NO LATER THAN JULY 15!

Let's get off to a great start for FY 2021-22. If we can get our programs and membership activities going strongly again in July and August, we'll certainly head into the Fall headed in the right direction. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Bill Frayer (State Program Director)

Silver Rose 2021

Thanks to a post State Convention boost we only have only two date open for the Silver Rose in Wisconsin. We have a total of 37 Councils that have volunteered to host the Silver Rose this year. At present I'm waiting for input from the individual Councils as to the time of their services and the name of the church where the services will be held. Publishing this data allows neighboring councils to attend your Councils Service. Below is the current schedule for the Silver Rose, with only possible changes being if a Council steps forward near District 23 for July 19th or District 3 for August 2nd.

Saturday, July 10, 2021	Iowa		
Sunday, July 11, 2021	7370 Hazel Green		41
Monday, July 12, 2021	765 Cuba City		41
Tuesday, July 13, 2021	2820 Lancaster	St. Clements	
Wednesday, July 14, 2021	9360 Janesville	St John Vianney	49
Thursday, July 15, 2021	6547 Milton	St. Mary	50
Friday, July 16, 2021	6508 Edgerton	St. Joseph	50
Saturday, July 17, 2021	531 Madison		47
Sunday, July 18, 2021 11:00AM	6718 Adams Friendship	St. Joseph	
Monday, July 19, 2021	17035 Abbotsford	St Bernard	
Tuesday, July 20, 2021	4125 Tomah	St. Mary's Queen of the Apostals	
Wednesday, July 21, 2021	10914 Onalaska		25
Thursday, July 22, 2021	2422 Durand		22
Friday, July 23, 2021	1762 Hudson		81
Saturday, July 24, 2021	499 Superior		91
Sunday, July 25, 2021	7106 Superior		91
Monday, July 26, 2021	16691 Superior	Cathedral of Christ the King	
Tuesday, July 27, 2021	5397 Sopoouer	St. Francis de Sales	
Wednesday, July 28, 2021	3249 Stanley		34

Thursday, July 29, 2021		1799 Marshfield		30
Friday, July 30, 2021		4628 Schofield		28
Saturday, July 31, 2021		12467 Polonia		27
Sunday, August 1, 2021		2836 Shawano		
Monday, August 2, 2021		2556 Chilton	Good Shepherd	
Tuesday, August 3, 2021		5382 Green Bay	Annunciation Parish	
Wednesday, August 4, 2021		1033 Kaukauna		9
Thursday, August 5, 2021	8:00 AM	12269 Appelton	St. Bernadette	
Friday, August 6, 2021		6228 Wautoma		14
Saturday, August 7, 2021		4240 Menomonee Falls		63
Sunday, August 8, 2021	10:30 AM	2487 Oconomowoc	St. Jerome	
Monday, August 9, 2021		3396 Fort Atkinson		50
Tuesday, August 10, 2021		12709 Sullivan	St Mary Help of Christians	50
Wednesday, August 11, 2021	6:30 PM	7048 Mukwonago	St James	
Thursday, August 12, 2021	7:00 PM	1709 South Milwaukee	Cudahy Club House	
Saturday, August 14, 2021	9:00 AM	16022 Pleasant Prairie	Divine Mercy, St. Anne	
Saturday, August 14, 2021		Illinois		

Thank You for participating Vivat Jesu
 SK Dennis Bednarek PGK, PFN, FDD
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Worthy State officers and Members and Family and Bishop and Priest,

As of this writing, we will have had completed more forms and had more people participate in the Fraternal Benefits Nights than most likely could have be accomplished pre-Covid. It seems with the ability to do virtual meetings more GK and councils are figuring ways to participate in these valuable briefing on the great Benefits our Founder had in mind when he started the Order. Blessed Michael McGivney knew full well that Life was short and to a Faith filled person it could still be lived fully and completely.



As we make the commitment for the year ahead, we should make sure that we offer a chance for all our parishes and councils to hear Our Story and the Story of Knights of Columbus Benefits to make sure all family have access to be protected through a Catholic company that does some many great things charitably. Catholicity is our main goal, to protect and serve the greater community through example and starting at home is the best place.

We continue to look for Good and Holy men to join the order, to Lead our Councils, to support our Parish Priest and to grow in charity. With all us working together why should this not be the best year the order has ever had here in Wisconsin?

John the Baptist, Solemnity was this month and the end of the fraternal year, is in this month each of those items reminds us like this great Saint. We must decrease and Jesus must increase for us to follow where he will lead us this year. Days will be getting short and life seems to go by faster and faster, so I say thank you for your support and prayers and we continue this vocational mission of service to your families.

Happy 4th of July hope you can enjoy our Nations birthday with family and Friends.

Warm regards,

Tim Nowak, GA

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

As we are starting another fraternal year, it is time for all Councils to look at what if anything they have done to help Special Olympics. With the Covid pandemic it has been a very trying year for Local Special Olympics groups as well as our drive for Team Wisconsin 2022. Councils need to step up and help in any way they can. Please keep Special Olympics and our drive to cover travel expenses for the Team in 2022 in mind when planning your upcoming year Budget and Council activities.

Our drive to raise \$125,000.00 to fund travel expenses for the Team Wis athletes to Orlando, Fl in 2022, is at about 75% of goal. Due to a doubled entry the correct total raised as of this writing on 6-28-2021, we have received \$93,206.69. It looks like we will need to raise another \$37,000.00 by convention 2022. With more Councils becoming active again and the Tootsie Roll Drive, we should be able to meet our goal.

Hopefully with the pandemic lessening and people getting vaccinated, we can resume a type of normalcy and get back to having fund raising activities.

Please keep in your prayers our Special Athletes, that they may be able to have events again.

John Benisch

Special Olympics Coordinator

Here are a few ideas for helping Special Olympics. There are a number of events where they are in need of volunteers to help run the programs. Council members can help out at these events.

July 10th, District Bocce, Softball, La Crosse, Contact, Michaela 715-204-9696

July 11th, District Bocce, Softball, Tee Ball, New Berlin, Contact Amber 262-518-2314

July 10th, District Bocce, Lake Geneva, Contact Hailey hfischer@specialolympicswisconsin.org

August 7th, State Outdoor Sports Tournament, Carrol University Waukesha, Contact Jason 262-518-2313

Sept 12th, Southern State Golf, Columbus, Contact Nicole 608-442-5670

Oct 23rd, Unified Bowling, Bowl-A-Vard Madison, Contact Nicole 608-442-5670

Nov 6th, State Volleyball, Menomonee Falls, Contact Amber 262-518-2314

Dec 5th, Northern State Bowling, Weston Dales Lanes, Contact Michaela 715-207-9696

Dec 5th Southern State Bowling, Wauwatosa, Contact Hailey hfischer@specialolympicswisconsin.org

God Bless

John Benisch

Wis KC Special Olympics Coordinator

ID Update

Brother Knights,

We have a steady flow of checks from councils following the completion of their Tootsie Roll Drive to fund Intellectual Disabilities. Please keep in mind to send those checks to me so that we can log the amount and record the destinations of your collected money. To date we have raised over \$250,000 for the year. This amount was raised by roughly half of our councils so I hope to see a good deal more.

Keep in mind that you have until September 1st to submit your check and form in order to get checks back from the state this year. This extension gives councils the opportunity to hold their drives in pleasant weather. We all know how unpredictable Mother Nature can be.

I have only received word from a few councils that were not running their drive due to the pandemic. There are so many precautions that can be taken and with the ongoing vaccinations, all councils should be able to run a campaign. I encourage you to reconsider your decision.

If you are unsure of where to find the forms, please go to the State Website and look under the State Forms category. Under the Community topic you will find what you need. If still unsure please contact me. Our former trusty chair, Mark Jelinek, is still receiving forms from some of you. Mark retired from the post two years ago. Be certain to include your Council Disbursement sheet so that we know whom to make your checks out to. Also be sure to make your checks payable to the KC ID Program.

Plan your event carefully to ensure you have permission to hold your drive at the locations you desire and sign up workers. Although the mask edict has been lowered, some businesses still request that you wear a mask. Please honor their request and have your workers wear them if required. Have a wonderful drive.

Fraternally yours,

Don Schoenherr
WI KofC ID Director

Faith in Action – Family Programs

Hello Brother Knights!

May continues the great progress for the Family of the Month program. A quick summary is below but click on the Flocknote link below for all the details.



Family of the Month

Thank you again for an **amazing** month! All the details can be found in the Family Director Flocknote post <https://knightswisc.flocknote.com/FamilyDirector/note/12650231>. Check it out!

Supreme

Wisconsin is tied with Michigan for 1st place in the order with 45 FOMs each. Wisconsin represents **13.0%** of all FOMs received by Supreme. The Supreme family of the month is the **Bob and Cathy Behrendt Family** (Msgr. Broens Council 2478, District 4, Green Bay Diocese).

Diocese

Madison and La Crosse Dioceses led with **70%** district participation with Green Bay Diocese having the most FOMs by submitting **13** families.

Here are the Diocesan Families of the Month.

Green Bay	Tim and Nichole Soper	La Crosse	Jeff an Sara Asher
Madison	Ben and Trista Richard	Milwaukee	Don and Diane Durkin
Superior	Raymond and Cathy Knapstein		

District

61% of the districts submitted at least one family. **Districts on Fire:** Two districts submitted three or four families and ten districts submitted two families.

Council

There were no new councils submitting a family of the Month.

June Family of the Month deadline is July 15.

Golden Family Councils

Golden Family Councils are those that submit a family of the month each month of the fraternal year starting in July and ending in the following June. There are **40** Golden Family Councils that submitted families for the fraternal year so far. Thank you, councils, as you are demonstrating true leadership in this program.

Supreme News

75% of the family of the months were submitted using the new Online 10784 form! **Thank you!** Remember that **Supreme will stop accepting the 10668 FOM in July 2021.**

There is a problem with the online 10784 where the family summary is restricted to 250 characters. Supreme is aware of the problem and are in the process of fixing it but it may take until the end of the fraternal year.

Here is a link to the video on how to fill out the new **online** version of the 10784 form.

https://players.brightcove.net/802593642001/y6FLIla0f_default/index.html?videoId=6196175376001.

After you fill out the online 10784, you will receive a PDF file that you can include in your council history books. **Please forward this PDF to forms@wikofc.com** so that your family can be considered for the Diocesan Family of the Month award.

Gentlemen, it is a **privilege and honor** to serve you and your councils! **Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.**

Vivat Jesus!



SK Joe Uchtyl
State Family Coordinator

Culture of Life

100% Pro-Life State Council Awards

Many of you know that we have a State Award for 100% Pro-Life that hinges on the number of dues paying members in your council with a multiplier of \$3.50 per dues paying member. This assessment is voluntary for the councils. The only way it can be assessed is if you include it on your annual member dues as a voluntary line item. Your council can also earn this award by your encouraging your members to make a donation to the Culture of Life Grant Fund, which I mail out to each council member every year in October, begging for a small donation.

- For this fraternal year, 2,151 council members donated to the Culture of Life Grant Fund.
- 27 councils donated to this cause.
- The state's collective goal for fraternal year 2020-21 was \$115,468.50.
- For fraternal year 2020-21, we had 32,991 dues paying members.
- Total raised, as of June 1, 2021 was \$120,606.47.
- You surpassed the goal, I believe for the first time in a long time, by 4.44%! Thank you!

You can see your council's standings for the 100% Pro-Life State Council Award by visiting the State Council's website [here](#) or paste this URL into your browser:

<http://uknight.org/States/Culture%20of%20Life%20Fund%20Donations%2006%2001%202021.pdf>

By the time you see this, the fraternal year will have closed out, but know in advance for next year that the cutoff date for this (and most any other program) is at the end of the fraternal year, June 30.

Thanks for all you do to help end abortion in Wisconsin. We are leading the way!

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Culture of Life

Culture of Life – LIVE ultrasound initiatives in Wisconsin

Here are the two active ultrasound campaigns in Wisconsin. Msgr Heim Council #15665's ultrasound is going to Life Choices in Burlington. Please send your donations for Burlington to Worthy FS Mark Mandry, listed below. Saints Peter & Paul Council #10552's ultrasound is going to St. Gianna Clinic in Green Bay. Council #10552 has asked that you write the check out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. in Madison – BUT PLEASE EARMARK IT FOR COUNCIL #10552 ON THE MEMO LINE!

Msgr Heim Council #15665
FS Mark Mandry
513 Lewis St
Burlington, WI 53105-1021
(262) 767-9288 (R)
(262) 492-3155 (C)
msmandry1127@gmail.com

Saints Peter & Paul Council #10552
FS Michael Bors
c/o Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.
42697 W Beltline Hwy
Madison, WI 53711-3859
mikebors@icloud.com
920-639-2636 (C)

If you have an **INDIVIDUAL DONOR** who wants a tax deduction, they can send their donation through the WI KofC 501(C)(3). To ensure it goes to a specific ultrasound project, they **MUST** include the council number in the memo portion of the check (eg: #15665 ultrasound), otherwise it will go into the general ultrasound fund.

Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc
Memo: (**#15665 or #10552 ultrasound**)
4297 W Beltline Highway
Madison, WI 53711-3859

Once these ultrasound campaigns are funded, Wisconsin Knights of Columbus local councils and Supreme Council will have purchased 49 ultrasound machines for our precious Wisconsin babies! Vivat Jesus!

Through Christ,



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Supreme Training Update

Brothers,

The month of July we will be having extra sessions on Delta Church Drive. Please make sure all members in your state know they are invited to attend them.

All times are Central Time Zone

Delta Church Drive

Monday 7/12/21 at 8PM

Tuesday 7/20/21 at 7PM

Monday 7/26/21 at 6PM

Tuesday 7/27/21 at 6PM

The Delta Church Drive is a method of inviting other Catholics to learn more about the Knights of Columbus is a soft impact way. Using the Prospect Form to let prospects get information on what the order does and make it easier for the council to communicate with them. We also cover how to order a Delta Kit and what other items we may need to be successful in our church drives.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/3470377971503045389>

CRP (Covid Recovery Program)

Tuesday 7/13/21 at 6PM

We all know that this past year has been very different and also very challenging. As Catholics, many of us have had our churches shut down for a prolonged period of time with limited opportunities to receive the sacraments. And as Knights, it's been tough to keep up the fraternity and friendships. Also, our fundraisers and events have been affected in great ways too. Some of our councils have found ways to adapt and adjust but that hasn't always been the case everywhere. This training will help organize and direct councils on what steps can help be more effective in you parish and community as we continue to have restrictions eased in our areas

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/846323103071470093>

Growth

7/14/21 at 7PM

The presentation will help Fraternal leaders resolve to leave councils, parish, and community better than how they found it. Leader should also learn how to develop a simple, specific, year-round plan in place for growing council membership, that involves participation from the whole council. Attendees should commit to work with their pastor(s), field agent, and DD to accomplish their goals. Leaders should understand the importance of hosting regular ceremonials, incorporating recruitment into every event, and running membership drives

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/6242464488429399055>

Council Meetings

7/21/21

Strong councils hold good meetings that members enjoy. This training shares the best practices for hosting such meetings. In addition to guidance on how to run a good meeting, this training also provides guidance and discussion on virtual meetings and the conduct of business by virtual means.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/4104461929195780623>